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The period covered by these volumes embraces many of the most significant events in the political history of the United States. It was an epoch of intense excitement, when the first principles of the American Government were called into the arena of public discussion on the floor of Congress. Party spirit was at its height. The great questions in debate were treated with a virulence in proportion to their importance, and the serene counsels of wisdom were often silenced amidst the vehemence of sectional heats. Among the eminent men of that time John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren, Thomas H. Benton, and a host of other familiar names were conspicuous. The subjects of debate included, among others, the Panama question, the Public Lands, the tariffs of 1828, 1832, and 1833, the removal of the deposits, the annexation of Texas, the war with Mexico, the admission of California, New-Mexico, and Utah into the Union, and the Compromise measures of 1850, with the Fugitive Slave law. The author of the present work had an intimate connection with public affairs during the whole period. His relations with the press brought him into familiar association with many of the leading men in the country. An office-holder for a considerable time under the Federal Government, he had ample opportunities for becoming acquainted with the machinery of party and the conduct of political campaigns. Since his retirement in 1871 from the post of Commissioner of Customs, which he had held for ten years, he has devoted the principal part of his leisure to the composition of these volumes. He makes no pretensions to perfect impartiality, in his narrative of events and his estimate of public men, but has treated his subject according to the lights of an old line Whig, although we do not find that he has often colored his recital by personal or political prejudice. His work is desultory in its methods, not aiming at historical unity, or consecutive exposition, but relating apparently at random the events that recur to his memory after the interval of years. In giving our readers a specimen of the book, we can only follow the example of the author, and reproduce some of his isolated scenes and portraiture, with little regard to their connection or consequences.

The first nomination of General Jackson as a candidate for the Presidency was by the Legislature of Tennessee in 1823. He was again nominated by public meetings of citizens in different localities, and it was soon apparent that he would find an easy path to the first political office of the country. His character and appearance at this time are sketched as follows:

General Jackson was a man of a noble and commanding presence,—tall, straight, with a military air and manner that made a strong and favourable impression upon every one at first sight. He was bold and overbearing, impudent and impulsive, and in temper a frank, open, and unfeeling man. He who crossed his path, thwarted his purposes, or held opinions in opposition to his own, though honest and sincere in his convictions, and regardless of personal feelings, was looked upon as an enemy, however warm had been his previous friendship. He never forgave; though extremely affable when in his humor, he was, when incensed, a man of bad humor, and very difficult to manage. He who had once been put out above all others, as the man "born to command," and who would, in any dangerous emergency, be at once placed in command, ordinarily, had the peculiar rough, independent, and masterful ways of the backwoodsman, and those of an old soldier, and, in his more advanced years, of an old man.

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He had been ill for some time, deriving little benefit from the climate, and then proceeded home by way of New-York and the Mississippi. Thought afflicted with a distressing cough, he came to New-Orleans at the end of the month of June, and, after a short stay, went to the city of Mobile, where he recovered, and, getting worse, while Harrison, backed and cheered by thousands of people, evinced "moral for Old Tip" stood self-possessed and triumphant.

He was, however, still near the water's edge, and sometimes irresistibly provocative of scenes of riot and disorder, not from personal feelings, but from the action of the crowd, very irascible and querulous.

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